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Happy Mother's Day

This Month

August begins with the successful conclusion of our Summer Camp. This month, we celebrate Thailand's Mother's Day with a special brunch at Veranda, followed by our Special Indian Night in collaboration with Punjab Grill featuring Executive Sous Chef Vijay Saste. We finish the month with the return of our popular Wine on the Lawn.

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Dean Thompson

Chairman's Message

Dear all,

Did any of you follow the World Cup over the past month or so? I gradually got into it as the tournament progressed! Of course, the inevitable happened with the English team falling in the semi-final! It was nevertheless a fun evening watching England vs Argentina in the Churchill bar up to 4am with about 30 other hopeful supporters! We should have known better – it's the hope that kills you! Congratulations to any Spanish Members we have in the Club – your team did you proud! Of course, they weren't the only winners on the day as I had, for a bit of fun, organized a lucky draw with the staff. Khun Su in Jubilee bar was the fortunate guy who had picked out Spain – he was very happy to walk away with the prize!!



Whilst the summer months are often the quieter months at the club, there has been a lot going on other than football. There was an intimate wine night where some fantastic Chilean wines were paired with some excellent dishes served up by K. Tarb, our Executive chef. I highly recommend you sign up for one of these nights in future. You won't be disappointed.

Simon Davies, our Vice Chair also organized the World Spoof Championship in the Club this month, with visitors from all around the World! It's not often we can say we hosted a World Championship, so well done Simon for bringing the event to BCB!

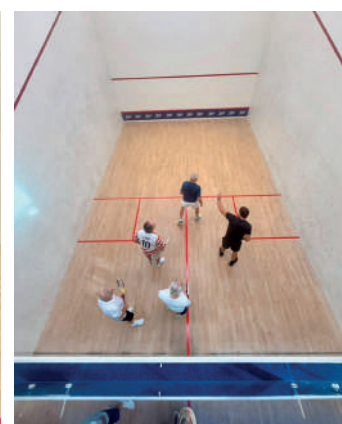


The kid's camp has been tremendous this year yet again, the sound of laughter around the club as the children have been engaged in the various activities was fantastic to hear. As the weeks have gone on, more and more families have joined as word

got out as to how much the children were enjoying themselves. Well done to Khun Natt and the team for delivering such an amazing program.

I personally hosted a dinner with as many Ex-Chairmen of the Club as were available in July in order to get their advice on Chairing the General Committee and also a way to thank them for their service down the years. We had ten attendees, which was amazing, and some fantastic stories were told about the history of the club. Hopefully, we can do it again later in the year.

Banging the drum for my own sports discipline of Squash – we had a form of Squash Royalty here doing some clinics with the squash players. Joey Barrington is the 'face' of Squash globally as lead presenter and commentator on Squash TV as well as being the son of Jonah Barrington, undoubtedly one of the true heroes of the sport who put squash on the sports map globally. He reflected on how much he loves the British Club



Bangkok, from the facilities to the overall atmosphere and community. He said he travels around the world to many different clubs but ours is his overall favorite! I was very proud to hear that genuine sentiment!

I will finish by announcing that soon you will start to see some work being done on the top of the Sala building. The General Committee has approved a “sundowner lounge” where members can enjoy drinks in the evenings and probably get the very best view of the clubhouse and grounds. We hope to have this completed by end of September ready for the busy last quarter of the calendar year. Something to look forward to- I will join you there for an Aperol Spritz!

Enjoy the remainder of your holiday if you are still globe-trotting – don’t forget to send in your holiday photos to win the BCB Abroad Competition!

*Best Wishes,
Dean Thompson*

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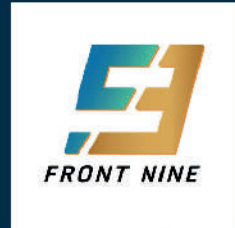
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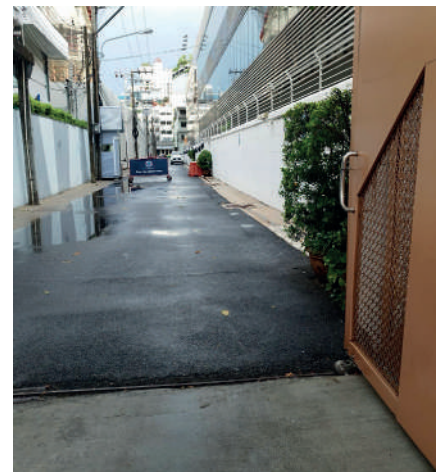
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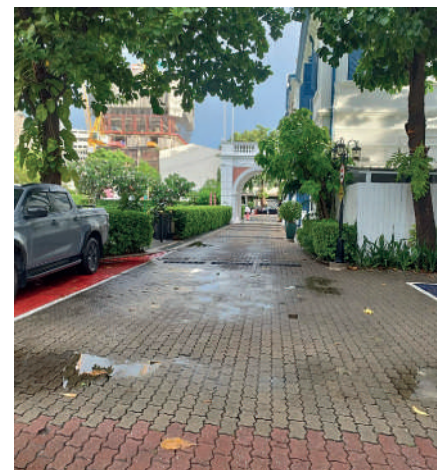


As part of the Club's ongoing commitment to improving our facilities, the Engineering team has successfully completed the replacement and upgrade of the Club's main water pump system.

Led by Khun Aof and our Head Engineer, Khun A, the project involved replacing the existing pump with a new, higher-capacity system to improve the Club's drainage during periods of heavy rainfall. The upgrade was carefully planned and completed with minimal disruption to daily operations.

The new pump significantly increases the Club's ability to remove rainwater more efficiently, helping to prevent flooding in key areas of the property. Following the upgrade, the system has performed successfully, keeping the grounds safer, improving accessibility, and reducing the impact of Bangkok's seasonal downpours.

This important infrastructure improvement reflects the Club's ongoing investment in maintaining and enhancing its facilities, ensuring a safer and more enjoyable environment for members and guests throughout the year.



Types of Investment Funds

By Martin Wright
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With so many investment fund options available it's important to understand the key differences in this broad and often confusing marketplace.

Unit Trusts & Open-Ended Investment Companies

Two of the most common types of funds are Unit Trusts and Open-Ended Investment Companies (OEICs). They share many traits, but they also have some important differences.

Since they will always accept more cash from investors – they just become bigger to accommodate the demand. On the flip side, if there are more sellers than buyers, the fund will become smaller.

The price of a fund always reflects the value of its holdings. When more investors want to buy into the fund than sell, the manager issues more units. When the opposite is true, the manager cancels units.

They are more widely used even though some are more expensive than their investment trust alternatives. The great advantages of open-ended funds are their flexibility to make more units, as well as the fact there are more funds available meaning a greater choice for investors. This differs from a closed-ended fund, which issues a fixed number of non-redeemable shares like an Investment Trust.

What is a Unit Trust?

Unit Trusts were the first real open-ended investment fund in the UK, termed so because the fund manager can create new units (similar to shares) in the fund to meet investor demand. These units can be bought or sold at any time. This differs from a closed-ended fund like the Investment trust as mentioned above.

What is an OEIC?

In 1997, laws were introduced allowing the creation of OEICs, which are also open-ended. Over the last few decades OEICs have become a lot more common and many unit trusts have converted to the OEIC structure. This is due to the relative simplicity of OEICs and the fact they can broadly be sold into different countries across Europe.

Most new funds that are launched are structured as OEICs particularly in the UK.

What's the difference between Unit Trusts and OEICs?

In many respects unit trusts and OEICs are the same. They are both open-ended and the price of each unit depends on the net asset value of the fund's investment portfolio. Both allow you to choose to have dividends paid to you as income or reinvested in the fund and both can invest in a wide range of asset classes, locations and sectors.

A subtle difference is a unit trust is governed by trust law, whereas an OEIC is governed by company law. Technically, this means investors in a unit trust are not owners of the underlying assets, unlike investors in an OEIC although in reality this makes little difference to investors. If you invest in a unit trust you buy units whereas if you invest in an OEIC you buy shares.

The major difference between unit trusts and OEICs is the way they're priced. Unit trusts quote a bid price and an offer price; OEICs only quote one price. With unit trusts, the bid price is the per-unit price you'll receive if you sell your units back to the fund company. It's usually based on the bid price of the underlying securities held by the fund.

Investment Trusts

Investment trusts are effectively companies that hold assets such as shares. They are run by a fund manager backed by an independent board acting in the best interests of shareholders. The company itself is listed on the London Stock Exchange. While investment trusts predominantly invest in the shares of other companies, they can also invest in other financial assets.

As mentioned, as a closed ended fund, investment trusts have a fixed number of shares in an issue. This allows managers to take a longer-term view because they do not have to sell assets when investors sell their shares. Investment trusts have some of the unique features that set them aside from other types of funds.

Income seekers may be interested to know that investment trusts can hold back up to 15% of income generated by underlying assets each year to build up a reserve to be used to smooth dividend payments in tougher times. This means investors can enjoy a steady income when markets are performing. In certain circumstances, investment company boards may elect to pay income out of capital. While this can erode the long-term capital returns generated by the funds many investors are happy to prioritise short-term income payments over longer term growth.

Some growth investors might be interested in another unusual feature which allows investment trusts to borrow. This means that if managers think there is value in a particular market, they can borrow money to use for further investments, known as 'gearing'.

In a rising market, returns from an investment trust can be magnified because gearing means managers are better able to take advantage of rising share prices.

However, when share prices fall, the losses of geared funds can be exaggerated. The pricing of investment trusts works in a unique way too. When the price is greater than the value of the assets held in the company, this is known as a premium. At a time it is lower it is known as a discount.

Exchange-Traded Funds (ETFs)

An ETF is called an exchange-traded fund because it's traded on an exchange just like stocks. The price of an ETF's shares will change throughout the trading day as the shares are bought and sold on the market. This is unlike mutual funds, which are not traded on an exchange, and which trade only once per day after the markets close. Additionally, ETFs tend to be cheaper and more liquid when compared to mutual funds like unit trusts and OEICs.

An ETF can also hold multiple underlying assets and as such are also a popular choice for diversification. The assets can include stocks, commodities, bonds, or a mixture of investment types. Some ETFs focus on only U.S. offerings, while others have a global outlook.

There are many investment options available and a number of ways of holding these investments. They can be purchased by the public directly through Trading Accounts or through Investment Advisers.

For more information, it is sensible to seek professional advice from a company with the relevant experience and knowledge.

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BC Bee Kid's Club!

Kids' Activities return in the second week of August, taking place every Saturday and Sunday from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm at Kid's Stop. The month begins with a Thai Mother's Day theme, offering a mix of creative, active, and hands-on activities for our young members.



Metawee (Natt)



Children will create their own Mother's Day cards and handprint flower bouquets as thoughtful gifts for Mum, along with a variety of themed arts and crafts.

Our Junior Athletics session will keep everyone active with a fun game of Ice Cream Tag, while Mini Chef and Little Mad Scientist come together for a Thai Tea Ice Cream Experiment, where children will make their own ice cream while learning a little about the science behind it.

With something different to enjoy each weekend, August's programme offers plenty of opportunities for children to create, learn, stay active, and have fun with friends at the Club.



Sir Nick White



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In Memoriam





Nick Day

Nick White, a BC Member since 1980, died of cancer in Oxford on 1st February 2026, aged 74. To the wider world he was Professor Sir Nicholas White KCMG OBE FRS, but to most of us at the Club he was known simply as Nick, or (to the Cricket section – vide infra) Nickers. But the fancy post-nomials were earned. Nick was one of the outstanding clinical scientists of his generation, and I was immensely privileged to know him as my friend and mentor for 35 years. Nick was the leading figure in transforming the treatment of malaria worldwide, and the treatments he developed and championed have now been used in more than a billion patients and saved millions of lives. This is the extraordinary truth about a man we saw day-to-day at the Club, always relaxed, perhaps rehydrating with a Gunner after a squash match, or



having a half pint of Tiger with the spoofers in the Churchill Bar.

Nick was born on 13th March 1951 and seemed determined from the outset to be medically interesting, needing emergency surgery for an obstructed stomach outlet at four days old. His father was in the RAF, so the family moved around. In Anglesey, aged nine, Nick was sent to a Welsh-speaking school and within a year was top of the class in Welsh. This was very Nick. When he arrived in a place, he absorbed it. Later, with his family in Singapore, he spent holidays in Malaysia exploring forests and becoming

fascinated by plants and what they could be used for. He had a lifelong love of trees and wild places and would have been a very successful botanist, but he had always wanted to be a doctor.

At St John's College in Southsea he excelled at rugby and cricket, then somehow managed to get into Guy's Medical School despite famously getting a D in Biology. According to Nick this was because the school had taught the wrong syllabus. The Guy's interview consisted solely of questions about his rugby and cricket prowess, so of course he got in. For a while he coasted, distracted by sport, music and the usual temptations of youth, but an intercalated degree in pharmacology changed everything. He discovered science, or rather discovered how much he loved doing it and doing it properly. In his medical finals he won the University of London Gold Medal as the top student across all the London medical schools.

After qualifying, and against most sensible career advice, he went to Nepal as a volunteer doctor. He worked in remote clinics, often several days from any road, and



came back with the conviction that stayed with him for the rest of his life: the important research questions come from patients, and the patients he most wanted to help were the ones living in places where the need was greatest and the resources fewest. After further training in London and Oxford in 1980 he joined the new Wellcome-funded Mahidol Oxford Research Unit (MORU) in Bangkok. Thailand became his home for the next 45 years. He learned Thai fluently, made friends everywhere, and, thankfully for the Club, found time for relaxation and sport.

Early in his time at MORU he came across Chinese reports of a 1,600 year old traditional treatment for malaria - qinghaosu or artemisinin, the active compound in sweet wormwood. It looked almost too good: fast and potent, but also ancient in origin and plant-based and therefore treated by many with suspicion. Nick went to China in 1981 to meet the Chinese scientists working on it, and then spent much of the next four decades proving, arguing and badgering until the evidence could not be ignored. Artemisinin worked, but did not last long enough on its own. Nick's key insight was to pair it with longer-acting antimalarial drugs, creating the combination treatments that changed malaria policy across the world.

The work was done where it mattered: in hospitals, border clinics and refugee camps; in Thailand, Vietnam, the Gambia and many other places across Asia and Africa. Under Nick's scientific leadership, MORU and its sister unit in Vietnam became world-renowned centres for clinical research. Nick's methods were rigorous, but the purpose was simple. He was not interested in elegant science that did not help the person in the hospital bed. He wanted the right drug, at the right dose, proven to work in the real-world, and then actually used.



Although malaria was his great love, and he was recognised as the world's leading expert in it, his interests were much wider. He made major contributions to the understanding and treatment of melioidosis, typhoid, dengue, tetanus, rickettsial infections, tuberculosis and, during COVID, he was still convening, arguing, analysing and trying to make the evidence better. Nick authored or co-authored more than 1,300 scientific papers, which sounds impossible until you remember that his mind was never still. Ideas poured out of him, often faster than any normal person could write them down and certainly faster than we who worked with him could reasonably implement them. He could be demanding, impatient with sloppy thinking and allergic to complacency, but he was also extraordinarily generous. He trained, backed and badgered generations of clinicians and scientists, especially in Asia and Africa, many of whom are now leaders themselves.

There were many honours: an OBE, a knighthood, Fellowship of the Royal Society, membership of the US National Academy of Medicine, the Canada Gairdner Global Health Award, the Prince Mahidol Award, professorships at Oxford and Mahidol, and years advising the World Health Organisation. Nick was proud of the work, and fiercely proud and supportive of the people he worked with, but he was never remotely grand. The same man who could move global policy by

force of evidence and argument could also play guitar and harmonica in Bangkok blues bars, draw very funny cartoons, disappear into a conversation about trees, or behave with complete silliness among friends. Which brings us, naturally, to the British Club. There is no one better to paint a picture of Nick's long association with the Club than Jack Dunford, who was already here when Nick joined four and a half decades ago. Here is Jack's very personal tribute to Nick:



Jack Dunford

Nick and I were friends for 45 years. Our families were close and we did lots of things together in the early years. We "starred" together in two pantomimes, played squash and of course cricket. Nick was 29 when he joined the British Club and first played cricket for the Club in 1981. I missed that season, but when I got back from England, I was delighted to learn we'd won the league with some good new cricketers including Nick who'd taken 10 wickets and hit a top score of 94. But the Royal Bangkok Sports Club had stolen our best three players including Nick making us start all over again with a rubbish team.

But we still had lots of fun and when Nick had completed his obligatory three seasons at RBSC he started to play for us again. In December 1985 he helped us

win the Marshall Trophy against the mighty RBSC and a few days later joined our annual trip to Chiang Mai. I had recently started working with Karen refugees and on our way back to Bangkok, I took Nick to see the refugee camps near Mae Sot, a trip that would kick-start his world-changing malaria research programme.

We soon attracted other good cricketers, and BC became one of the strongest teams in Thailand. We probably peaked in 1991 when we won the 45 over league and Nick was one of four BC players selected to play in Thailand's first ever overseas match, famously beating a strong Hong Kong team in Kowloon.

Nick was a fast bowler taking over 200 wickets, and a prolific opening bat, scoring over 5000 runs. He "only" scored two centuries but got out five times in the nervous 90s. We played all our cricket in Bangkok on grass wickets at the RBSC, Polo Club and AIT and as Nick would say, "boys was men, in them days ... we played proper cricket ... none of yer T20 nonsense".



In 1986, we played a two- innings, unlimited overs match lasting more than 150 overs, Nick taking 13 wickets for 82 runs off 28 overs. His new doctor chum, David Dance, also scored 50 on debut. Nick and David were a formidable partnership. In one famous Marshall Trophy victory in 1988 they bowled all 40 overs between them, 20 each and then knocked off most of the runs.

I played with Nick in most of his 200 games. We both "retired" in the mid-90s but helped BC cricket get going again in our 50s in the Noughties. Nick last played in Chiang Mai and Kuala Lumpur in 2022, when he was 71.

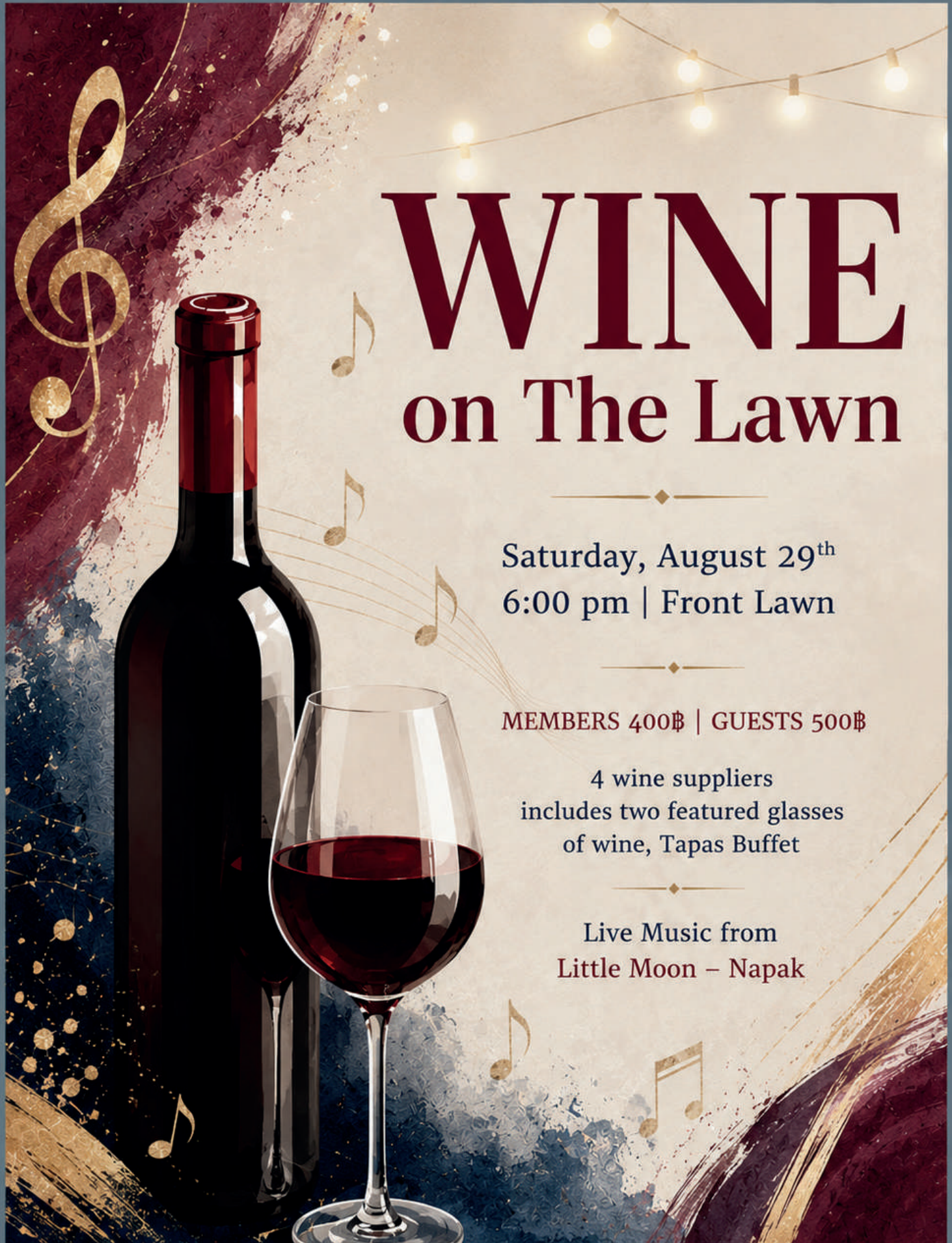
Nick was undoubtedly one of the best cricketers ever to play for the Club, but his legacy will be the fun he brought to the game. He never took himself too seriously and especially loved going on tour, dressing up in whatever silly garb was ordained. Chiang Mai was his favourite, and here he started the tradition of bowling the first ball to nine slips and a wicket keeper, now for ever to be played in his memory.

From very early on he became Fines Master renowned for his wit and eloquence, enthusiastically describing dropped catches, ducks and run outs, and any eccentric behaviour or breaches of dress code. Vodka slammers became a tradition, Nick the undisputed master of the art, prescribing precisely how these must be drunk followed by a heartfelt "oooh aaargh". Nick's ability to abandon all airs and graces and enjoy being silly as an equal with his mates endeared him to everyone.

Nick wasn't sentimental and when we knew we weren't going to see each other again, he wrote, "We had some of the most memorable and fun times of my life together. I still laugh thinking about them. Truly wonderful". Nick was just Nickers to most of us at the Club and we held a slightly irreverent farewell for him on the back lawn. We knew we were just a tiny part of his life ... but nevertheless a part of his life that he held dear.

Oooh aargh!





WINE on The Lawn

Saturday, August 29th
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Coming Events

August 2026

(more details on the website)

- Summer Camp (until 7 Aug)
- Quiz Night
- Thai's Mother Day Brunch
- Indian Night with Punjab Grill
- Winston Cup Pool Competition
- Wine on the Lawn

September 2026

(more details on the website)

- Quiz Night
- Back 2 Skool Challenge
- Winston Cup Pool Competition
- Battle of Britain
- Intimate Wine Night

October 2026

(more details on the website)

- Quiz Night
- World Beer Festival
- Winston Cup Pool Competition
- Halloween Kid Party
- Halloween Wine on the Lawn

Event & Activities 2026 August Highlights



Thai Mother's Day Brunch

Celebrate Thai Mother's Day with a special brunch at Veranda. Enjoy a delicious selection of Thai dishes in a warm and relaxed setting, with an optional Prosecco Rosé free-flow package. Every mum will also receive a jasmine flower as a small token of appreciation on her special day.



Curry Night with Punjab Grill

Indian Night returns to Veranda on Friday, 21 August, featuring a special collaboration with Punjab Grill. Executive Sous Chef Vijay Saste will work alongside our kitchen team to present an authentic Indian buffet, showcasing a variety of traditional dishes and flavours.



Wine on the Lawn

The Front Lawn will once again host Wine on the Lawn, one of the Club's favourite social evenings. Members can enjoy wines from four suppliers, two featured glasses of wine, a tapas buffet, and live music by Little Moon (Napak), making it another enjoyable evening at the Club.



Jonas live music

Live music is back at Jubilee Bar, with Jonas kicking off the first performance of the year. Thank you to everyone who joined us and made it a wonderful evening. We look forward to bringing you more live entertainment throughout the year, with performances on either Wednesday or Friday evenings, as well as special themed music nights on selected occasions. We hope to see you at the next one!





HM King Charles – Official Birthday Brunch

Members and guests gathered at Veranda to celebrate two special occasions with our themed UK King's Birthday & Father's Day Brunch. Guests enjoyed a delicious selection of British-inspired favourites, accompanied by a warm and welcoming atmosphere, making it a memorable afternoon for families and friends.





Table Tennis - June

Members of all ages came together for a fun and competitive Table Tennis Tournament, with junior and adult players enjoying a great day of friendly matches and sportsmanship. Congratulations to Khun Pornsit (Joker) on taking first place after an impressive performance throughout the tournament.





Winston cup - June

Last month's Winston Cup Pool Competition attracted a good turnout of players for an evening of friendly rivalry and competitive play. After several closely contested matches, the tournament came down to an exciting final between Bimal and Thibault, with Bimal taking home the Winston Cup trophy.

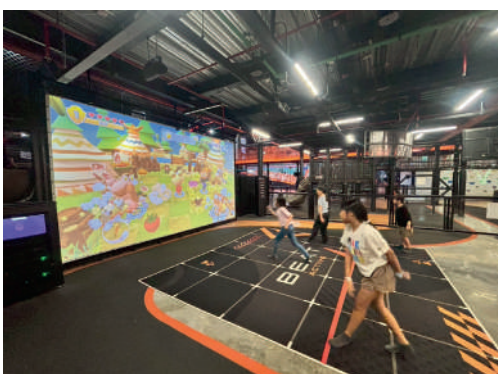




Quiz Night

Although July is typically a quieter month, Quiz Night still attracted five teams, including some new faces, for an evening of friendly competition and fun. Congratulations to Spin Doctors for taking first place. The Jackpot was not won and will roll over to the next Quiz Night, giving teams another chance to claim the prize. Thank you to everyone who joined us, and we look forward to seeing you again next month.







Summer Camp 2026

This year's Summer Camp was another great success. With more camps being offered than ever before by international schools and smaller organisations across Bangkok, competition was certainly stronger. Despite this, we were delighted to welcome a fantastic number of campers throughout the summer.

What made this year's camp special was the variety of experiences on offer from sports and creative workshops to exciting excursions and hands-on activities delivered with the support of our valued partners. The positive feedback from parents was

overwhelming, and perhaps the best measure of success was hearing so many children asking their parents if they could stay for another week.

A heartfelt thank you to every member of our Summer Camp team for their enthusiasm, dedication, and hard work, as well as to all of our partners who helped create such memorable experiences for our campers. We look forward to making next year's Summer Camp even bigger, better, and more exciting.





Chairman's Dinner

The British Club Bangkok recently hosted a special Chairman's Dinner, organised by our current Chairman, Dean Thompson. The evening brought together 10 Chairmen, representing more than four decades of the Club's leadership, from 1984 to the present. It was a wonderful opportunity to reconnect, share experiences and leadership insights, and reflect on the Club's rich history while looking ahead to its future.

Chairmen in Attendance

- Roy Barrett (1984–1985)
- Arthur J. Phillips (1985–1986)
- Jack Dunford MBE (1986–1988 & 2016–2021)
- Nigel J. Oakins (1993–1995)
- James A. Young (1998–2002)
- Rob Marchant (2002–2003)
- David Quine (2003–2005)
- James Crossley-Smith (2021–2022)
- Brian Brook (2022–2023)
- Dean Thompson (2026–2027)







An Intimate Wine Night

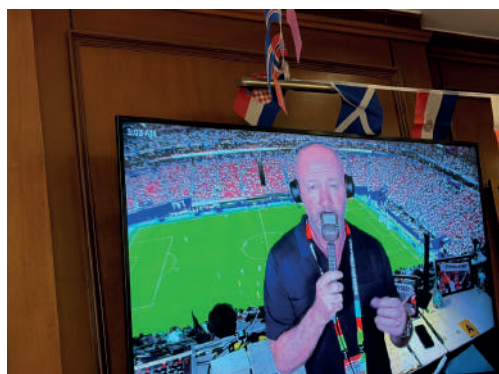
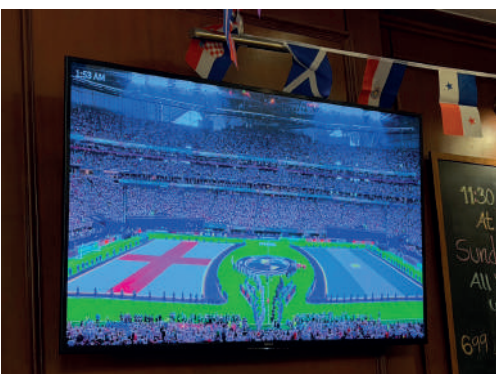
Intimate Wine Night once again brought members together for an evening of fine wine, delicious food, and great company. Members explored a selection of Chilean wines from the Concha y Toro range, with each wine paired with a specially curated menu by Chef Tarb. Throughout the evening, members learned more about the wines while enjoying each pairing. Thank you to everyone who joined us, and we look forward to seeing you at the next Intimate Wine Night.





World Cup Semi-Final England vs Argentina

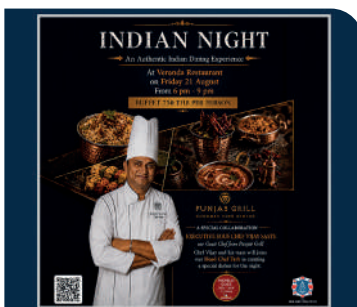
Although the result didn't go England's way, the match brought members together in true Club spirit as they gathered at 2:00 am to cheer on the Three Lions at the Clubhouse. A special thank you to our dedicated team, Mimi and Nootjaree, for staying through the early hours to look after everyone and help create a great match-day atmosphere. While the journey ended in the semi-finals, it was another memorable World Cup morning shared with fellow members.



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3

Squash Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.45pm

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Football
6.30pm - 8.30pm
Quiz Night
7.15pm - 9.30pm

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Squash Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.45pm
Balut
6.00pm - 8.00pm
Tennis mixed-In
6.00pm - 10.00pm

10

Squash Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.45pm

11

Football
6.30pm - 8.30pm

12

Thai's Mother Day Brunch
11.00am - 4.00pm
Squash Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.45pm
Balut
6.00pm - 8.00pm
Tennis mixed-In
6.00pm - 10.00pm

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Squash Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.45pm

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Football
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Squash Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.45pm

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Football
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Squash Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.45pm
Balut
6.00pm - 8.00pm
Circuit Training
6.00pm - 6.45pm
Tennis mixed-In
6.00pm - 10.00pm

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Squash Mix-in
5.15pm - 7.45pm

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Cricket team practice
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Pilates
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Tennis mixed-in
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Tennis mixed-in
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Squash Kids Academy
10.00am - 12.15pm
Squash Mixed-in
1.00pm - 4.45pm
Cricket Team Practice
2.30pm - 6.00pm
Winston Cup
6.00pm - 9.00pm

2
Tennis Men Doubles
Team practice
10.00am - 1.00pm
Sunday Brunch
11.00am - 4.00pm
Tennis Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.00pm

13
Yoga
6.00pm - 7.00pm
Cricket team practice
6.30pm - 8.00pm

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Pilates
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Tennis mixed-in
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Intimate Wine Night
7.00pm - 9.00pm

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Squash Kids Academy
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Squash Mixed-in
1.00pm - 4.45pm
Cricket Team Practice
2.30pm - 6.00pm

16
Tennis Men Doubles
Team practice
10.00am - 1.00pm
Sunday Brunch
11.00am - 4.00pm
Tennis Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.00pm

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Yoga
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Cricket team practice
6.30pm - 8.00pm

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Pilates
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Tennis mixed-in
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Indian Night
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Squash Kids Academy
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Cricket Team Practice
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Squash Kids Academy
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Squash Mixed-in
1.00pm - 4.45pm
Cricket Team Practice
2.30pm - 6.00pm
Wine on The Lawn
6.00pm - 9.00pm

30
Tennis Men Doubles
Team practice
10.00am - 1.00pm
Sunday Brunch
11.00am - 4.00pm
Tennis Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.00pm

AUGUST 2026



Terry Adams



Active Living Section

SECTION UPDATE:

Active Living Section Membership is open to ALL Club Members and their Spouses/ Partners. Come along to your first Active Living Section event: we are confident that having done so, you will then be attending others.

We continue working to provide events each month, with events already at various stages of progression and finalisation through to November 2026, now including an "Ageing in Thailand" series.



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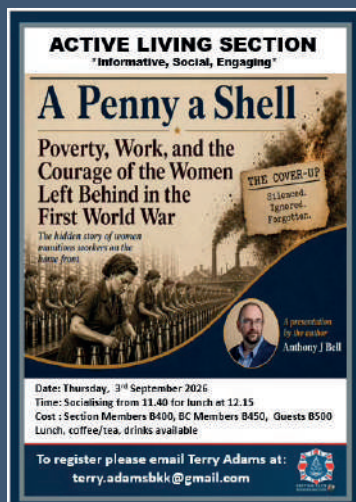
- For information on the Section and our previous Events
- To join the Section by completing your application.

Or visit the Active Living Section website at:

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(Just keep clicking on the posters to delve deeper for information, photographs, and more)

Future Events:



EVENT REPORT:

Vern Unsworth MBE Gave a Fascinating First-Hand Account of the Tham Luang Cave Rescue Mission that captivated the World.

The Active Living Section was privileged to welcome Vernon (Vern) Unsworth MBE as our July guest speaker. Following two previous postponements through illness, it proved to be a case of "third time lucky" as Vern delivered what many attendees regarded as one of the most compelling presentations ever held by the Section.

Rather than concentrating on the worldwide publicity that surrounded the rescue of the twelve members of the Wild Boars football team and their coach from the flooded Tham Luang cave system in Chiang Rai in 2018, Vern



took us behind the headlines to explain exactly what happened, why critical decisions were made, and the enormous challenges faced by those directly involved.

Using detailed maps of the cave system, Vern described the route taken by the boys, the rapidly rising floodwaters, and the extraordinary difficulty of negotiating long, submerged passages, some barely high enough to crawl through. He explained why he believed from the outset that the boys were not "lost" but trapped by floodwater, and why the location in which they were eventually found was the only place where they could realistically have survived.

Vern recounted how he was called to the rescue almost immediately because of his extensive knowledge of the cave, having explored it for many years. He paid tribute to fellow British cave divers Rick Stanton, John Volanthen and Jason Mallinson, whose experience in flooded cave rescue proved crucial to the eventual success of the operation.

One of the most fascinating aspects of the presentation was Vern's candid description of the difficulties encountered away from the cave itself. He explained that numerous organisations, military units and officials became involved, often with differing opinions and priorities. At times, this created delays and disagreements over the best course of action. Vern was forthright in explaining why some proposed



solutions were simply impractical, and how experience in cave rescue ultimately became more important than rank or authority.

The audience listened intently as Vern described the planning that eventually led to the daring extraction of the boys. Every stage had to be carefully rehearsed, from the use of specially adapted full-face masks to the installation of guide ropes and zip lines through difficult sections of the cave. He also paid moving tribute to

former Thai Navy SEAL Saman Kunan, who tragically lost his life while supporting the rescue effort.

Throughout his presentation Vern emphasised that success was never guaranteed. The rescue depended upon a narrow weather window before further heavy rain threatened to flood the cave completely. Every diver understood the enormous risks involved, yet each accepted them in order to give the boys the best possible chance of survival.

The presentation concluded with a lively and extended question-and-answer session during which Vern answered questions with characteristic honesty, humour and humility. His unique perspective on one of the world's most remarkable rescue operations gave everyone present a far deeper appreciation of the courage, teamwork and professionalism that brought all thirteen lives safely out of the cave.

The Active Living Section extends its sincere thanks to Vern for sharing such an unforgettable first-hand account of an event that captivated the world and remains one of the greatest rescue stories of modern times.





Five Wonderful Days in Kanchanaburi.

23–27 June 2026

Some journeys can be tedious, while others leave beautiful memories that stay with us forever. Our five-day, four-night road trip to Kanchanaburi was one of those unforgettable journeys.

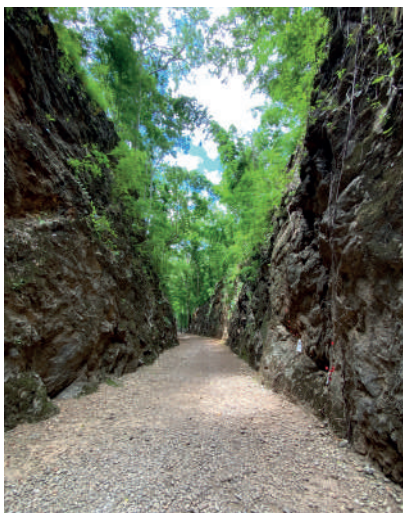
The three of us travelled by car, covering almost 1,000 kilometres. We wanted to revisit Kanchanaburi, not only to enjoy its beautiful scenery but also to learn more about its remarkable history and experience the peaceful way of life in the western part of Thailand.

Day 1 – A Journey into History.

Our first stop was the Allied War Cemetery, followed by the Thailand–Burma Railway Centre Museum. Walking among the rows of white headstones was a moving experience. The adjacent museum helped us understand the suffering of the prisoners of war who built the Death Railway during World War II.

For lunch, we enjoyed excellent food at Keeree Tara Riverside Restaurant before walking to the famous Bridge over the River Kwai, which was only a short distance from our hotel, U Inchantree. Standing on the historic bridge and watching the river flow quietly below was a wonderful way to end our first day.





Day 2 – Hellfire Pass

The next morning, we drove to Hellfire Pass. After visiting the museum, we took a buggy to the entrance and then walked along the original railway cutting.

The peaceful surroundings made it difficult to imagine the hardship that thousands of prisoners endured here 84 years ago. The site has been beautifully preserved by the Australian Government as a place of remembrance, and it left a deep impression on all of us.

Day 3 – The Charm of Sangkhlaburi

Our next destination was Sangkhlaburi.

We visited Vajiralongkorn (Khao Laem) Dam, site of the famous 'Sunken Temple' and also walked across the Mon Bridge, the longest wooden bridge in Thailand, stretching 850 meters over the Songkalia River. Watching the simple life of the Mon community was both relaxing and inspiring.

Another highlight of the trip was discovering an excellent restaurant called Tam Aroi. The proprietor, Mr. Surasak Chinawongwatana, or 'Big Johnny', was an Asian Games basketball gold medalist and Thailand national coach in the 1960's. He welcomed us warmly and served delicious Thai and Chinese dishes with considerable pride. It was a memorable meal, and we were delighted to hear some of the stories behind Big Johnny's sporting and epicurean life.





Day 4 – Nature's Beauty

On our way back to Sai Yok Noi, we were amazed by hundreds of colourful butterflies flying along the roadside. Local people told us it was the season when caterpillars become butterflies. It felt like nature was putting on a special show just for us.

That evening, we stayed at the River Kwai Resotel. Surrounded by mountains and the peaceful River Kwai, it was the perfect place to relax. Although the rainy season had not fully arrived and the river was still low, the scenery was beautiful.

Day 5 – A Perfect Ending

Before returning home, we stopped at Tham Krasae Railway Station. By good fortune, we heard the whistle of a train approaching from Nam Tok Station.

Standing near Krasae Cave, we watched the train slowly travel along the famous wooden viaduct beside the cliff before arriving at the station. It was a perfect ending to our journey and one of the most memorable moments of the trip.

Looking Back

This journey gave us much more than beautiful photographs. It reminded us of the importance of history, the beauty of nature, and the kindness of the people we met along the way.

Kanchanaburi has so much to offer—historic landmarks, peaceful rivers, green mountains, delicious food, and warm hospitality. It is a place that encourages visitors to slow down, appreciate the present, and reflect on the past.

As we drove home, I felt grateful for the wonderful memories we had created together. I know this will not be my last visit to Kanchanaburi. There are still many places waiting to be explored, and I look forward to returning one day.

Arthur J. Phillips



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Remembering SCOTT PONTIFEX



It is with great sadness that the British Club Squash Section learned of the passing of Scott Pontifex.

Although Scott spent only a few years in Bangkok, he quickly became a valued member of our squash community and a friend to many. Whether on the squash court, the golf course, or sharing a drink while watching rugby, Scott brought warmth, humour, intelligence, and an infectious enthusiasm for life. He was fiercely competitive in sport, yet always played in the true spirit of camaraderie and friendship.

Reading the many tributes from friends, colleagues, and family across the Pacific, a consistent picture emerges. Scott was a man who embraced life wholeheartedly. He was adventurous, generous with his time and knowledge, passionate about sport, dedicated to his work, and deeply loyal to those around him. From New Zealand to New Caledonia, from Tuvalu to Thailand, he left a lasting impression on everyone fortunate enough to know him.

Those of us who played squash with Scott will remember his determination on court, his easy smile, and his ability to make everyone feel welcome. Yet above all, we remember the pride and joy he found in his family. His love for Loraine and Liam shone through every conversation.

Scott leaves behind countless memories, friendships spanning oceans, and a legacy of kindness, mentorship, and good humour. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

On behalf of the British Club Squash Section, we extend our heartfelt condolences to Loraine, Liam, and all of Scott's family and friends.

Rest in peace, Scott. You left us far too soon, but your spirit lives on in the many lives you touched.

The British Club Squash Section



TENNIS

Dear Readers,

July means lawn tennis and Wimbledon. Mr. Sinner secured his second consecutive **Wimbledon** title by defeating Mr. Zverev in four sets. Mr. Zverev, fresh of his first Grand Slam trophy in Paris, mounted a determined effort, tying the match after the second set before succumbing to Mr. Sinner in the next two. All-in-all a very entertaining match.

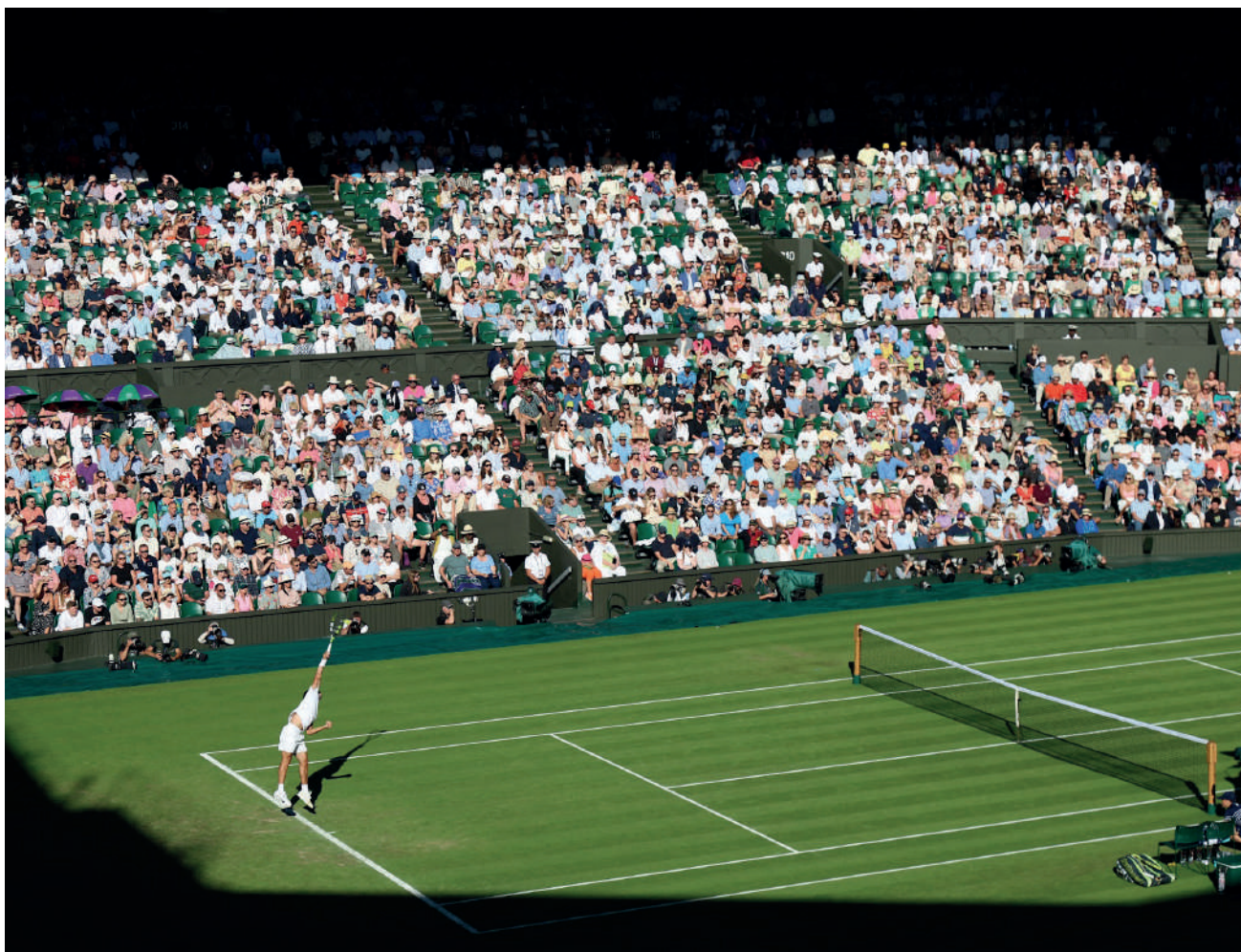
July also means our very own **Womble Cup**, which for the first time in years, was spared from Bangkok's July torrential rains. It is unclear what deals were made between Nattaya and the spirits to secure this favorable weather, and her subsequent triumph as the captain of the Red Team.

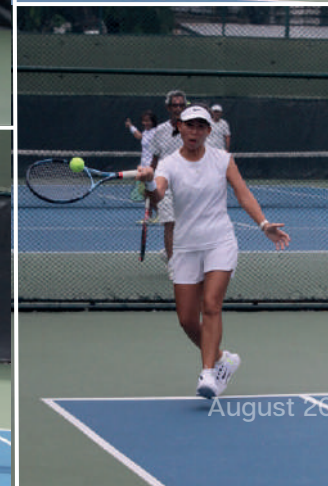
Upcoming Events:

- 2 Aug : Singapore Cricket Club visiting
- 5 Sep : Ladies InterClub @Polo
- 13 Sep: US Open Finals and the Great Wide Open
- 23 Sep: Tennis Section AGM

Ways to keep in touch:

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2. Facebook: British Club Bangkok Tennis Section
3. Bulletin Board (near changing rooms)
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The WOMBLE CUP 2026

August 26-28



BRITISH CLUB GOLF



We welcome new members!

The Bangkok British Golf Club is a friendly golf society that plays a variety of Thailand's fine golf courses. We play weekends twice a month in and around Bangkok, and also hold two-day weekender events in locations such as Hua Hin, Chon-Buri, Rayong and Kao Yai. In addition to British Club members, membership is also open. Competition formats, with prizes, include medal, stableford, match play and team competitions with other societies. Please contact us – you can play as a guest initially before deciding to join.

Recent events

The eagerly anticipated annual **Magpie Putter** team competition against the Bangkok Wanderers Golf Society was held on 16th May at Subhapruek Golf Course. The competition is always characterized by friendly rivalry and this was no exception. Seven teams of two players on each side competed in scramble match play format. The British Club were determined to hold on to the magpie putter, as victors in 2025, however unfortunately, and despite best efforts, the Wanderers were too good for us on the day, winning comfortably 21 points to 7. The British Club star players, winning their match, were Gaew Khongyoo and Frank Fawkes. Well done to the Wanderers.



A **stableford** competition was held at Royal Lakeside Golf Club on 28 June. Lakeside is a favourite venue we have not visited for some time, benefitting from sea breezes in this hot season. 22 players competed and our two youngest players took the first two prizes, Jamie Angus first with 38 points and Monty Finn second with 37 points. 13 players competed at the **monthly medal** at Subhapruek Golf Course on 12th July. Teddy Andrews narrowly won division 1 with a net score of +3, on countback from Peter Clark, and Gareth Knight won division 2 with a net score of -1.

The annual **matchplay** tournament is hotting-up! Three of the semi-final contenders are now determined after Earnie Wark bested Neil Davies, Danny Bean bested Lynn Munday, and Gareth Knight bested Varghese Rose. The remaining quarter-final is between Peter Gale and Peter Clark.

Coming up, we have a monthly medal at Subhapruek Golf Course on 9th August, and a stableford at Silverlake Links Golf Club on 23rd August, a venue we have not played before. Looking further forward, the two-day **Junior/Seniors par/bogey competition** will be held at Burapha Golf Resort in Chon Buri, on 26 and 27 September. This is one not to miss, put it in your diaries!





Michael Flowers

HARD BALLS

TOUR MATCH

June 2026 • Horseshoe Point, Pattaya (Astro)

27th June 2026 • British Club vs Pattaya Cricket Club • Horseshoe Point Resort & Country Club

PRAMODH'S LAST STAND

Pattaya Retain Dunford-Philbrook Trophy in Season Finale

A cloudy, humid Saturday at Horseshoe Point brought down the curtain on the British Club season – as Pattaya CC successfully defended home turf in the 16th playing of the Dunford-Philbrook Trophy, chasing down 187 with a 7-wicket, 5-over-to-spare win.

Both sides came into the tour friendly a little differently shaped. Pattaya had drafted in some assistance to make up their numbers for a Saturday fixture, while British Club travelled with a more normally balanced touring side. A ground Pattaya know intimately – Horseshoe Point has one shorter boundary and one longer boundary on each side of the wicket, and that local knowledge of the right lines to bowl and how and when to attack the short side has long played a part in their strong home record in this fixture.

The match was Pramodh's last match as British Club captain, closing out three years in charge during which he continued his reputation as a stalwart of the side and an ambassador for the club's cricket section, steering BC along in their first 3 seasons in the Bangkok Cricket League A-Division.

Pramodh won his final toss and chose to bat, sending out Rahul Gupte and Ben Eastwell to face Andre Human and Thomas Manoj with the new ball doing a little in the muggy air. It didn't take long for the conditions to claim the first wicket – Gupte adjudged LBW by Umpire Clive Rogerson from the bowling of Human with the very first ball of the innings, a diamond duck to open proceedings!

Avneesh Chopra came to the crease a little earlier than he wanted but got things moving in a hurry. He and Eastwell put on 78 for the second wicket, with Eastwell the one to fall – caught at cover off Andy Emery for 21 off 24 balls. Chopra kept going at a blistering strike rate, clearing the rope four times, before he was caught on

the boundary – Roshan Perera taking the important catch off Terence Conrad – for 48 off 34 balls, two short of forced retirement.

Michael Flowers anchored the innings from there. He kept the board ticking while partners came and went around him – Nitin Dhavle was run out for 8, then Chandan Chhabra was caught behind by Perera, who had taken keeping duties from captain Jainish Parikh at the drinks break.

Flowers survived a big LBW shout from the bowling of Emery and a run-out chance at the bowler's end along the way, Human prowling inside the circle and narrowly unable to complete the work.

Ravi Anandani then played an eye-catching cameo of an innings: 36 off 27, including a six, before putting the team first in running himself out on the very last ball of



▲ Flashback - Pramodh was the new kid on the block, on debut for BC against Pattaya at the Thai Polo Club back in 2019

the innings, take no credit away from the excellent fielding of Human. Flowers, for his part, retired not out for a composed 50 from 43 balls, doing the bulk of the rebuilding work after the early wickets.

Pramodh himself came out in the final over of his last innings as captain, a fitting if brief farewell knock before BCCC closed on 187 for 6 – a competitive total.

Although 187 seemed competitive at the change of innings break, the feeling changed quickly with Pattaya's chase. Perera and Pushpinder Singh put on a brutal opening stand, both batters finding the leg side with ease, the run rate sitting at 10 an over for long stretches as Pramodh, Talal Sanoon and Gupte came in for some firm treatment with the ball as Pattaya headed towards 100 without loss.

Perera went first by way of retirement, banking a very well-made 50 from 34 balls, while Singh kept the foot down before being stumped by Flowers from the bowling of Manish Bagaria for a rapid 48 off just 25 balls, including four sixes. Salmion lasted only two balls before edging one through to Flowers off Sunish Shah, and the innings looked briefly like it might stutter when Jainish Parikh also fell stumped off a web spinning Bagaria for 8, with Pattaya 121 for 3 just before drinks. The spin pair of Bagaria and Shah had put the breaks on and given BC hope for a final push after drinks.

After drinks however, it was the Deepak Pandey show. Helped along by some increasingly weary BC bowling and fielding, Pandey retired not out on 50 from just 28 balls. The classy Human picked up the baton and finished the game in style, smashing the ball to the leg-side boundary repeatedly and finishing unbeaten with a six off the last ball to seal it, 30 not out from 17 balls. Pattaya closed on 191 for 3, the trophy retained in the 16th edition of the fixture.

It was a day of standout contributions across the board but Pramodh will know the margin could have been tighter. Pattaya were dropped five times in the field, and those chances mattered more than most against a side batting with so much intent. Pramodh himself had little luck of his own, finding the edge on multiple occasions without reward.

For Pramodh, though, the scoreline will matter less than the send-off. A fitting final chapter as captain against Pattaya, the team he made his BC debut against – even if Pattaya, true to form, had the last word.

Looking ahead, there's already plans in place for a preseason return fixture in November, potentially at a more neutral venue such as the TCG – a change of scenery that would take the home-ground edge out of the equation and offer both sides a much needed tune up going into the 2026/27 league season with much at stake for both teams.

Result: Pattaya won by 7 Wickets
Man of the Match: Roshan Perera
(50* off 34 balls & 2 Catches)



▲ To his delight, economical "Onions" managed to avoid the punishment of the other pace-on bowlers



▲ The short lived opening pairing for BC of Ben and Rahul



▲ Incredible Gupte LBW for a diamond duck!

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